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SUBJECT: NAIM/ABDULLAH VISIT TO CHINA AND THEIR VIEW OF
CHINA AND CHINESE WORLD PRESPECTIVES

1. SUMMARY: ON DECEMBER 28, AFGHAN DEPFONMIN WAHEED ABDULLAH DESCRIBED HIS RECENT TRIP TO PEKING. ABDULLAH ACCOMPANIED MOHAMMAD NAIM, BROTHER AND FOREIGN POLICY CONFIDANT OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAOUD, DURING NAIM'S RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT. ABDULLAH WAS IMPRESSED WITH CHINA. HE DESCRIBED HIS VIEWS ON PRC WORLD STRATEGY AND INTERNAL POLITICS.

2. WAHEED ABDULLAH WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH PRC. THE SENSE OF DISCIPLINE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "PERVASIVE" AND AND "SOMETIMES DEPRESSING--ALMOST MILITARY" SEEMED TO HAVE MADE A PARTICULAR IMPACT BECAUSE OF "THE RESULTS." HE SAID LEADERS FROM CHOU EN-LAI ON DOWN HAD STATED THAT CHINA WAS NOT A SUPER POWER, BUT ONE OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. ABDULLAH SAID THE CHINESE TOLD THE AFGHANS THEY HAD SOLVED
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THEIR OWN RESOURCE NEEDS (OIL, ATOMIC ENERGY, FOOD), BUT

COULDN'T HOPE TO COMPETE WITH THE US AND USSR FOR WORLD POWER.

3. ABDULLAH SAID HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT PRC WAS TRYING TO BECOME THE RALLYING POINT FOR THE THIRD WORLD. ABDULLAH SAID HE THINKS THAT THE PRC WANTS TO DEVELOP INTO AN IDEOLOGICAL AND PRACTICAL EXAMPLE FOR COUNTRIES WHO WANT AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE RUSSIAN OR WESTERN MODELS FOR MODERNIZATION.

4. IN THE CONTEXT OF DISCUSSING AMBASSADOR SCALI'S SPEECH ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE UN (WHICH ABDULLAH HAD SEEN IN PEKING) ABDULLAH SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THIS US STRATEGY WAS A MISTAKE. ABDULLAH SAID IT WOULD DRIVE UNSOPHISTICATED THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ("PARTICULARLY SOME OF THOSE EXCITABLE AFRICAN NATIONS") INTO THE ARMS OF PEKING. WHEN ABDULLAH WAS HANDED A COPY OF THE SPEECH DURING THIS DECEMBER 28 MEETING AND SHOWN THE CONCERN FOR THE UN AS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH THE SPEECH REFLECTED, HE SAID OF COURSE AFGHANISTAN UNDERSTOOD THE USG POINT OF VIEW, BUT PREDICTED PRC WOULD USE THE SPEECH TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE ANTI-US, ANTI-UN FEELINGS IN WORLD.

5. ABDULLAH SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT POWER STRUGGLE GOING ON IN CHINA BETWEEN "THE MODERATES" LED BY CHOU EN-LAI AND "THE SHANGHAI GROUP" LED BY MAO'S WIFE. ABDULLAH SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SHANGHAI GROUP IS "FAR LEFT." ACCORDING TO ABDULLAH--CLEARLY PLEASED WITH HIS ROLE AS A NEW ADDITION TO THE WORLD OF SINOLOGY -- THE ARMY AND THE MILITIA PLAY KEY (BUT UNEXPLAINED) ROLES IN THE RIVALRY BETWEEN THE MODERATES AND THE FAR LEFT. OF COURSE, SAID ABDULLAH, NO OUTSIDERS WILL EVER UNDERSTAND THE CHINESE*

6. THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS NEW PRC AID TO AFGHANISTAN AND SAID MERELY "WE GOT A BIT OF HELP."
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